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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN BRAZZAVILLE 0643 VICE  
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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PARM, MOPS, PINT, MILI CG, CF, US

SUBJECT: CHARGE'S MEETING WITH SYG MFA, MAY 19

1. CHARGE CALLED ON CURRENTLY HIGHEST RANKING OFFICIAL  
AT MFA, SYG IKOUEBE, MORNING MAY 19.

2. CHARGE BRIEFED KIOUEBE ALONG LINES STATE 125192 AND  
SITREPS. IKOUEBE WAS APPRECIATIVE, AND SAID THAT HE HOPED  
WE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH ON-THE-GROUND  
EVALUATIONS OF SHABA SITUATION. SYG ALSO SAID THAT HE  
UNDERSTOOD CLEARLY US CONCERN FOR ITS CITIZENS, "WHICH WAS  
ONLY NATURAL." HE ADDED THAT CONGOLESE HOPED NO INVOLVEMENT  
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IN SHABA BY FRANCE AND BELGIUM WAS INTENDED BEYOND RESCUING  
THEIR NATIONALS. SPEAKING PERSONALLY, IKOUEBE OBSERVED  
THAT WITH CUBAN AND FRENCH PRESENCE NOW IN AFRICA, CONTINENT  
IN MANY WAYS RESEMBLED PERIOD SHORTLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE,  
RATHER THAN THAT TO BE EXPECTED ALMOST 20 YEARS THERE-  
AFTER; AS USUAL RATHER PHILOSOPHICAL, IKOUEBE CONCLUDED  
THAT HE FORESAW MANY MORE YEARS OF THE SAME.

3. IKOUEBE LEAVES BRAZZAVILLE FOR NEW YORK MAY 20 AS MEMBER OF CONGOLESE DELEGATION TO SSOD. WE SUSPECT THAT HE WILL BE THE "THINKER" IN CONGOLESE DELEGATION. FOLLOWING ON EARLIER BRIEFINGS, CHARGE DREW ON POINTS PROVIDED STATE 110723, REGARDING NEUTRON BOMB. IKOUEBE TOOK POINTS WE MADE AND SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT WERE CONFERENCE TO BECOME A PROPAGANDA FORUM, NOTHING AT ALL WOULD BE ACHIEVED TOWARD ACCOMODATING WISHES OF THIRD WORLD.

4. CHARGE TURNED TO CONTINUING CONGOLESE DELAY IN RECEIVING OUR MILITARY ATTACHES RESIDENT IN KINSHASA. AS DEPARTMENT AND KINSHASA AWARE, LETTER WERE ACCREDITED HERE IN FEBRUARY, AND ALREADY APPEAR IN LOCAL DIPLOMATIC LIST. IKOUEBE REITERATED THAT SNAFU HAD BEEN CAUSED BY MFA NOT CHECKING WITH DEFENSE PRIOR TO GIVING OKAY. HE SAID THAT MINISTER OF DEFENSE SASSOU-NGUESSO HAD BEEN TOLD BY PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO TO RECEIVE DATT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND THAT SASSOU WAS IN AGREEMENT, BUT WAS DRAGGING HIS HEELS. SASSOU HIMSELF HAD TOLD CHARGE MAY 1 THAT HE FORESAW NO PROBLEM. IKOUEBE OFFERED ONE AMUSING SIDELIGHT: EARLIER ROADBLOCK "CERTAIN UNFRIENDLIES" HAD POSED ON ACCREDITATION WAS TO CITE CONGOLESE DISINCLINATION TO ACCREDIT NON-RESIDENT ATTACHES. THEY POINTED OUT CASE OF GDR MILITARY ATTACHE IN LUANDA, CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR WHOM ACCREDITATION APPARENTLY WAS SOUGHT, BUT NOT ACCORDED. YHOMBY REPORTEDLY ASKED THEM WHETHER THEY THEREFORE WOULD PREFER AMERICANS BE RESIDENT; (UN-SPECIFIED) "UNFRIENDLES" GOT THE POINT, AND DROPPED OBJECTIONS. WE WILL, NEEDLESS TO SAY, FOLLOW UP.

5. CHARGE MENTIONED YET ANOTHER UNPLEASANT ARTICLE APPEARING IN LOCAL PRESS--THIS TIME "MWETI"--IN LATEST INSTANCE, UNCOMPLIMENTARY TO U.S. ARMS PACKAGE FOR MIDDLE EAST, AND REFLECTING GROSS INACCURACIES CONCERNING OUR POLICY TOWARD ISRAEL. IKOUEBE VOLUNTEERED THAT HE, TOO, WAS APPALLED BY THE ARTICLE, AS WELL AS BY RECENT MEDIA DISTORTIONS IN DESCRIBING TRAGIC DEATH OF ALDO MORO. IKOUEBE SAID THAT ON MAY 18, MFA HAD BEEN LED TO SEND FORMAL NOTE TO MINISTER OF INFORMATION GOMA-FOUTOU, PROTESTING DISTORTED LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN COUNTRIES WITH WHICH CONGO HAS GOOD RELATIONS. KATZEN

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